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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, JA

SUBJECT: BOEING ALLEGATIONS

REF: TOKYO 2216

1. THERE HAS BEEN SOME PRESS ATTENTION HERE TO REPORTS
FROM TOKYO RE ALLEGED BOEING PAYMENTS. FOLLOWING PRESS
GUIDANCE HAS BEEN PREPARED (AFTER CONSULTATION WITH
JAPANESE EMBASSY):

2. Q. HAS THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT ASKED FOR INFORMATION
CONCERNING ALLEGED IMPROPER PAYMENTS BY BOEING IN JAPAN?

A. YES.

Q. WHAT WAS DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE?

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A. WE INFORMED THE SEC OF GOJ INTEREST, AND REQUESTED
THAT SEC MAKE AVAILABLE ANY RELEVANT INFORMATION TO JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT FOR POSSIBLE TRANSMITTAL TO GOJ LAW ENFORCE-
MENT OFFICIALS.

Q. HAS THE GOJ ASKED FOR THE INFORMATION FROM THE
JUSTICE DEPARTMENT (I.E. FOR A "JUSTICE-TO-JUSTICE"

TRANSFER ARRANGEMENT AS USED IN THE LOCKHEED AFFAIR)?

A. WE UNDERSTAND IT HAS NOT.

Q. IF THE GOJ DOES ASK, WILL THE USG AGREE TO SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT?

A. THAT QUESTION SHOULD BE ASKED AT JUSTICE.

3. FYI. JAPANESE EMBASSY FIRST RAISED THIS QUESTION WITH DEPARTMENT IN EARLY JANUARY, PRIMARILY IN ORDER TO PREPARE FOR POSSIBLE DIET INTERPELLATION. AS RESULT OF SERIES OF CONVERSATIONS WITH EMBASSY, DEPARTMENT (LEGAL ADVISER) WROTE TO SEC CHAIRMAN ASKING THAT ANY RELEVANT INFORMATION BE PROVIDED TO JUSTICE FOR TRANSMITTAL TO GOJ LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS UNDER PROCEDURES SIMILAR TO THOSE USED IN LOCKHEED INVESTIGATION. EMBASSY WAS INFORMED THAT LETTER HAD BEEN SENT (JANUARY 12) AND THAT EMBASSY COULD BE IN TOUCH WITH JUSTICE DEPARTMENT. WE AGREED AT THAT TIME (MID-JANUARY) THAT GOJ COULD SAY IN DIET IT HAD ASKED USG WHETHER ANY JAPANESE OFFICIALS WERE AMONG LIST OF BOEING "SECRET AGENTS" AND THAT USG "COULD NOT COMMENT PUBLICLY SINCE MATTER WAS UNDER INVESTIGATION." IF PRESSED, GOJ WOULD ALSO SAY "TO OUR KNOWLEDGE NO JAPANESE OFFICIALS WERE INVOLVED."

4. GOJ DECIDED NOT TO APPROACH JUSTICE DEPT., HOWEVER, AND STATEMENT BY JUSTICE MINISTER FUKUDA IN DIET FEBRUARY
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15 TO EFFECT THAT HE WAS "AWAITING REPORT FROM USG" WAS INCORRECT. NO "REPORT" HAS BEEN REQUESTED, AND GOJ CLEARLY DOES NOT INTEND TO ASK FOR JUSTICE-TO-JUSTICE TRANSFER AT THIS TIME. IF GOJ WERE TO REQUEST SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT, IT SHOULD BE RELATIVELY SIMPLE TO WORK OUT.
END FYI.
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